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From Egypt to Canaan: Seven Types of Faith

By Dr. A. B. Simpson, Founder The Christian and Missionary Alliance, Died 1919

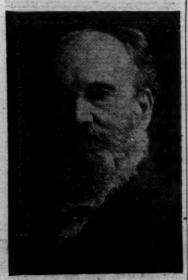
"By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to' suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the revard. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace."—Heb. 11:23-31.

This passage contains a separate cluster of stars in the firmament of faith. The last group was taken from the book of Genesis. This includes seven types of faith select-ed from the next period of Bible history, from Moses to Joshua. This also forms a complete group and, like the other, reaches a climax. It covers a period of trial and conflict as the story of faith ever does. The night is necessary for the stars, and it is out of the darkness of trial that the brightest examples of divine grace and human trust shine forth in every age. Just as it is true that the golden age of a nation's literature is often an age characterized by stirring and trying events, so in Christian experience and Bible story the most illustrious examples of holy character, high achievement, and lofty faith are wrung from the bosom of anguish and forged in the flames of affliction.

I. Faith for the Family

Here we see the germ of Moses future life and Israel's history in the breast of a humble mother and a godly father. They were two slaves in the brickfields of Egypt, and all that has come down to us from them is their name and the record of this mother's faith. But there was a spark of celestial fire in those lowly breasts, which kindled all the flames of faith and power that afterwards consumed the hosts of Pharaoh and lighted the torches of Israel's marvelous revelation. Eternity alone will reveal how often the life-story of some illustrious man started in a mother's bosom, and grew out of a little germ of maternal trust even as the mighty oak out of the little acorn.

The cruel law had gone forth but as this mother looked on her



Dr. A. B. Simpson

little one she saw he was a beautiful child. What mother ever saw anything else in her babe? But her faith-saw deeper than even a mother's love, and although it might be death to her as well as to her babe to conceal it, yet she dared to defy the king's commandment, and when she could not longer conceal her treasure God led her to devise the little ark of

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725 Biermann Street, Villa Park, Illinois

"In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live."-II Kings 20:1.

Little did Jack Clauson realize as he was digging a grave in Clairton, Iowa, that he was digging his own grave. But he was!

This sixty year old Evergreen Cemetery worker was shoveling dirt out of a grave into a box to be hauled away, when the side of the box collapsed. The dirt crashed back into the grave buryling Clauson. Before he could be

rescued, he died of suffocation. He literally had dug his own grave.
This fatal accident re-em

re-emphasizes the warning of our text, "Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live." This was the warning of God to King Hezekiah. Hezekiah had ruled his people long and well. He had led them under God's miraculous intervention to a great victory over Assyria in one of Israel's bloodiest wars. He had made great alliances with mighty foreign powers of his day. He had administered one of the richest kingdoms in Israel's history. He had been a great king. But there came to him the inevitable, inescapable call from God, "Thou shalt die." Although death was postponed, it was inevitable and preparation was commanded.

God has given us the same

I. Death Is Inevitable

You shall die! You had better get ready! Death is inevitable in its reach.

In America today over four

thousand people will die! Over one hundred will be slaughtered on the highways. Fifty will commit suicide. Nearly one thousand will die of heart trouble. Over eight hundred will die of malignant diseases. Hypertension, tuberculosis, murder, other diseases and murder, other diseases and accidents will usher others into eternity. Even as you read this sermon over one hundred people will die. The history of the human race is the history of a dying "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Thus God in one sweep of Scripture gives us the why's and wherefore's of death -Adam's disobedience to God's Word brought the seeds of sin and death into the bloodstream of the whole human race.

Well did Moses sum up the hiswell did Moses sum up the history of the human race in the fifth chapter of Genesis, "... and he died." Yes, Adam lived 930 years, "and he DIED." His son Seth lived 912 years, "and he DIED." Enos lived 905 years, "and he DIED." Methuselah lived longer than any of these and longer than anyone since, 969 years, "and he DIED."

When the Holy Spirit penned the biography of the kings of (Continued on page 11)

Should I Co-operate in **Baccalaureate Service** With Catholic Priest?

A Clear Bible Message on Co-operation and Compromise

> By Rev. George E. Abbas, Pastor First Baptist Church, St. Anne, Illinois

"Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest e fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit thy vineyard, be defiled. Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together. Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woolten and linen together. Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest thyself."—Deut. 22:9-12.

Separation has been an age-old principle with God. Separation has my helper, I will never own felalways been taught by God in His lowship with a man who denies Holy Word. All through the days the deity of my God and Saviour of Mosaic law God taught separation in their manner of worship, the manner of their fellowship the manner of their marriage, and in the matter of their physical life. In all sense, separation from the heathen nations and separation from the ungodly has always been a principle that God has insisted upon.

He began this principle in the beginning and He has never changed it. We find in the New Testament book of II Corinthians 6:14-18 again the renaming of this

separation principle. Many have been called before men, before assemblies, and before various groups, to give an account for their stand on the issue of separation. Martin Luther, who stood against Roman heresy, said, "Cursed be love and for whose sake the Word of God must be put to stake."
Charles Spurgeon sadly broke
fellowship with the Baptist Union and led his church to withdraw when modernism gained control of its leadership. D. L. Moody earnestly contended, "God being

Jesus Christ, or sneers at His atonement."

The separation and breaking of all connections and ties of those (Continued on page 9)



Rev. George E. Abbas

WANTED 25,000 New Friends

6 MONTHS FOR \$1.00 INTRODUCTORY SUBSCRIPTION OFFER

By Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

In order to introduce THE SWORD OF THE LORD to thousands of new friends in a short period of time, we are making the special subscription rate of only \$1.00 for a six months trial subscription to The Sword of the Lord. We praise God for some sixty thousand old friends, many of whom have subscribed to THE SWORD OF THE LORD for a number of years. We don't know what we

would do without you. But at the same time, we also have a tremendous burden to get THE SWORD OF THE LORD into the homes of many, many others who need its revival and evangelistic message desperately. Our nation is facing one of the most serious times of crisis in her existence. The whole moral and spiritual fiber of our nation is being eaten away gradually. Shocking moral scandals fill the pages of our newspapers. The only way we can save America for the coming gen-

eration is through a mighty, sweeping, spiritual revival.

I am amazed at the number of letters we receive each week from people saved and Christians who have caught a soul-winning vision and have had a genuine spiritual revival in their hearts by reading THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I don't know of another publication in the world that is doing quite what THE SWORD OF THE LORD is doing to bring real repentance and a deep sweeping revival. But those of us who know and love what THE SWORD is doing need to help spread its message far and wide. Millions of Christians do not know anything about THE SWORD, They have not had the same opportunity that you have had to know and be blessed by the evangelistic message of this revival weekly. Oh, how we need to start a great crusade to get

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INCIDENTS

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner Contributing Editor

Found: A Hiding Place

The Associated Press reported a most fantastic true story some time ago about a young Chinese student, Cheng Guan Lim, who felt disgraced for flunking out of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. To hide his chagrin—although actually he did not fail but merely fell shy of the average necessary to stay in the engineering college -young Lim went into hiding among rafters at the nearby First Methodist Church. There he re mained until police found him after he had hidden, not for four days, or four weeks, or even four months, but for four full years!

Unbelievable as it may seem, Lim brushed his teeth with burnt matchsticks, used tweezers to keep down his beard, cut his hair with scissors he found in the church, skipped rope for exercise, and lived off the food leftovers taken from the basement after church

Although with different motives, tens of thousands of others have found the house of the Lord to be an ideal hiding place. David sang: "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock" (Ps. 27:4, 5).

TO SMOKE OR NOT TO SMOKE? Here's an important note for all the athletically inclined younger set: All but one of the top ten money winners in professional golf are non-smokers.

Crime Marches On

The 1958 crime report, which was not released until late in 1959, showed that lawlessness in the United States increased nearly 10 per cent over the preceding year. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, and William P. Rogers, U. S. Attorney General, reported an esti-mated 1,553,922 crimes classified as serious offences during 1958, compared with 1,442,285 in 1957. This means that a "serious crime" is committed somewhere in the United States every 20 seconds.

Broken down still further, the 1958 crime clock indicated: A murder every 64.2 minutes . . a rape every 36.1 minutes . . . a robbery every 7 minutes . . . a car stolen every 1.9 minutes . . a burglary every 46.4 seconds.

The Case of the Missing Gods

Somebody stole the gods of a group of Indians in northern Pueblo in Mexico and they want them back. Authorities at Tlacuilotepec discovered a cave where Indians were worshipping ancient idols. The officials seized the idols and gave them to the National Institute of Anthropology and History, claiming that they were historical relics and therefore be-longed to the government. The Indians are insisting that their right to worship has been violated and are demanding the return of the gods.

One cannot help but think of what Joash told the followers of Baal when they demanded that his son Gideon be put to death for throwing down the altar of Baal and cutting down the neighboring grove: "Will ye plead for Baal? will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst it is yet morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himself, because one hath cast down his altar" (Judges 6:31).

It is not much of a god that can be stolen or overthrown.

The Power of Influence

The American Cancer Society recently issued a warning to all parents relative to the fact that if they smoke cigarettes regularly, their children will, in all probability, develop the same foolish habit. The society found, as a result of a survey made in the Portland, Oregon, area, that the smoking behavior of high school students depends largely on the smoking habits of their parents The study, which covered 21,980 high school students from eleven public, five Catholic, and five suburban public schools, found a higher percentage of smokers in Catholic parochial schools than in eity or suburban public high schools.

Calling All Modernists

A noted agnostic, Bertrund Russell, writing some time ago in Look magazine on the subject, "What is an Agnostic?" answered the question, "How does an ag-nostic regard the Bible?" as fol-lows: "An agnostic regards the Bible exactly as enlightened clerics regard it. He does not think that it is divinely inspired; he thinks its early history is legendary, and no more exactly true than that in Homer; he thinks its moral teachings are sometimes good, but sometimes very bad." Liberalism is thus very accurately summed up and identified as old-fashioned agnosticism!

Evangelist Sumner can be seen and heard:

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By Aunt Mary

Birthdays are exciting times aren't they? I know all children enjoy their own birthdays, and unless they are very selfish they enjoy the birthdays of those they love. Perhaps some grownups don't enjoy being older, but everyone needs love, and we show our love most often at special times like birthdays. In our home we sometimes have a party and invite our friends to help us celebrate, with a fancy cake and ice cream. We always have a family party, with a cake at least, and some small gifts. After we sing the usual birthday song, we add this verse:

> Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday to you, May God's richest blessings Abide upon you.

Then we have a special prayer for the one we honor. We ask the Lord to bless that one during the next year; we ask that he may grow in knowledge as he grows in years, and that he may "grow in grace," or grow spiritually as he becomes a year older physically.
In our Sunday School, the Pri-

Happy Birthday to you; Only one will not do. "Born again" means salvation. How many have you?

Of course, the second birthday is a spiritual one. Jesus told us, "Ye must be born again," and said we could be born again only by trusting Him for salvation. Have you had two birthdays, one when you were born a tiny baby into this world, and another when you were saved? That is the most important occasion of your life.

Then have you grown as you should? Mothers like to talk about their babies, about how much more they weigh this week than they did last, and how much taller Junior is in second grade than in Wington story.

he was in kindergarten. We do grow physically, don't we?

We grow mentally too. Of course your little brother doesn't know as much as you do. We don't expect a toddler to be able to spell at all. Perhaps he doesn't even pronounce words well enough for strangers to understand him. But you boys and girls in second and third grades can spell words like "cat" and "house." A sixth grader, just for fun, may learn to spell "inexperience" or some other unusual word. But how sad we are if a child's mind does not grow as his body does.

But there is a sadder kind of not growing. If a mother is sad. when her baby doesn't grow properly, can you imagine how sad the Lord Jesus must be when His children, whom He died to save, do not grow spiritually as they ought?

Have you learned to pray more? Have you learned to love the Bible and read it regularly? Have you learned to be more obedient to Dad and Mother, more cheerful, more forgiving when people wrong you? Have you learned to win souls? You see, a Christian should grow spiritually to be a better Christian.

Jesus has provided the food for us. He tells us, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word [the Bible], that ye may grow thereby" (I Pet. 2:2). Can you imagine a hungry baby refusing the milk so lovingly prepared and warmed by his mother? No! A baby of course eagerly takes the milk his little body needs. Are you as wise about your soul's needs as the little baby is about its body?

Do you read your Bible as eagerly as that little nursing baby takes its milk? Let's be healthy, well-fed Christians.

Now don't forget our Bird Life

All-Weather Birderians

For once Mr. Chicadee spoke his mind. I would not say he lost his temper. I think he was only using it! It was Senator Starling's fault. He should have known that Mr. Chicadee's vote was not for sale. At any rate, he knows it now!



Senator Starling was up for re-election that year.

It was during the depression when both worms and seeds were scarce and when the majority of birds in Wington were quite worried. Senator Starling was up for re-election that year, and his cam-paign slogan was, "The Woods Owe Every Bird a Living, a Worm in Every Pot!"

His slogans and his speeches deceived a great many of the birds who promised to vote for him, but not Mr. Chicadee. Senator Starling heard that Mr. Chicadee was against him, and, knowing that he had a great deal of influence among the birds in the backwoods sections, he flew out to see him one afternoon. After a bit of chitchat of a general nature he said, "It isn't so easy making a living away back here in the woods, is

"We have no complaint," answered Mr. Chicadee. "We work hard, of course, but we Chicadees and our cousins the Nuthatches

healthy."
"You would find it much easier

"I'll tell you what I'll do," he continued. "If you and your relatives will vote for me, I'll get you on the W. P. A. (Wington Puttering Administration) and put the Nuthatches on Relief!"

And that was what caused Mr. Chicadee to explode! "I'll have you understand," he said, "no Chicadee or Nuthatch has ever accepted charity, and we're not beginning now. As for the W. P. A., I'm not interested in spending my time moving leaves from one field to another and then back again. I prefer to scratch for a living and keep my self-respect. As for voting for you, any bird that does, in my opinion, is just plum cuckoo" -which in bird language means 'plain crazy"! With that Senator Starling hurried back to the city as his two wings could carry him.

When Mr. Chicadee told Mr. Nuthatch about Senator Starling's

Regular Baptists to Meet in Long Beach

The General Association of Reg-ular Baptist Churches will hold its 29th annual conference in the Municipal auditorium, Long Beach, California, June 20-24, 1960. Headquarters Hotel will be The Wilton, located one-half block from the auditorium.

Dr. Paul R. Jackson, Chairman of the Council of 14 of the Association, will preside at all sessions. Evening speakers include Rev. Carl Elgena, pastor of the Grandview Park Baptist Church, Des Moines, Ia., Rev. Kenneth Muck, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rochester, Minn., Dr. John R. Dunkin, President of the Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary, Los Angeles, Calif., Rev. Kenneth Masteller, pastor of the Haddon Heights Baptist Church, Haddon Heights, N. J., and Dr. Kenneth R. Kinney, pas-tor of the First Baptist Church, Johnson City, N. Y.

The theme of the program is "So Great Salvation" and special emphasis will be put upon Missions, Personal Evangelism, organizing new churches, and Sunday School helps.

The public is cordially invited to all sessions. For further information concerning program, hotel accommodations, etc., write the GARBC, 608 South Dearborn, Suite 848, Chicago 5, Illinois.

One word of God is like a piece of gold, and the Christian is the goldbeater, and can hammer that promise out of whole weeks.

-Spurgeon

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"Then we will simply have to work harder."

And that is exactly what they did. Even on the coldest days of winter Mr. Chicadee and Mr. Nuthatch might be seen working away hunting food in the forest. They kept their claws so sharp that they were able to run along the bottom side of limbs as well as on the top side. They learned to swing head downward from tiny twigs, like acrobats and trapeze artists in the circus. Thus they found hundreds of insect eggs and grubs which other less diligent birds had overlooked. Also, they found seeds which other birds had passed by as being too hard, drilled into them with their sharp little bills and lifted out the food. The fact is, they worked so mer-rily that Mr. and Mrs. Squirrel who were watching them one day thought they were playing.

"A very cold day for ice skat-ing," said Mr. Squirrel, peeping over the edge of their warm nest. "They will probably catch pneumonia," added Mrs. Squirrel.

But they were not skating, but working—and working so hard and fast that they did not catch cold, much less pneumonia.

Pastor Penguin is very fond of Mr. Chicadee and Mr. Nuthatch, cause they are just as dep able and industrious around the church as they are at home. Some birds, as you know, carry the W. P. A. spirit into the church, by leaving it to others to do all the work and make the contributions which pay the bills while they take it easy. Also, some stay away in the summer because it is too hot, and in the winter because it is too cold-fair-weather members, Pastor Penguin calls them.

But not Mr. Chicadee and Mr. Nuthatch. Pastor Penguin calls them "all-weather members." Because rain or shine, snow or sleet, hot or cold, they can be depended upon. "There are some words in the Bible," he says, "which describe them exactly—'Be instant in season, out of season, always abounding in the work of the Lord." I am not surprised, are you, that Pastor Penguin is al-ways wishing for more members Mr. Chicadee and Mr. Nuthatch?

Nuthatch about Senator Starling's visit, Mr. Nuthatch said, "You were exactly right, I'm glad you told him what you did."

"But times are going to be mighty hard this winter," said Mr.

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Three or four engagements of this editor I hope will be a matter of prayer by my friends.

Sunday, March 27-30, I will be speaking, God willing, at Haynes Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, Rev. Elwin Anderson, pastor.

March 31 through Sunday, April 3, I will be speaking in the annual Bible Conference of Bob Jones University.

April 4-6, Monday through Wednesday, I will be speaking at the Good News Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, Rev. D. M. Hardison, pastor.

We earnestly seek the moving of the Spirit of God upon all of our hearts as we try to stir hearts for soul winning and the power the Holy Spirit, and we are anxious to meet friends from far and near in these services

That Giant \$1.00 Sale Closes April 4

We rejoice in the fremendous response to our giant dollar sale. We should like to get out ten thousand copies of the book, Prayer—Asking and Receiving this year, and many thousands of copies of other books and pamphlets. Surely by combining with friends you can save one-third or more on these books by ordering

Yesterday we had letters from six people who were just claiming Christ as Saviour through our literature. In the weeks immediately passed there have been many, many happy letters telling of salvation through sermons in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, through the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" through the editor's pamphlet, Religious But Lost, etc. Thousands of transformed lives cause us to praise God that He has seen fit to marvelously use this literature. We beg you to help get it out to others and get as much as you need for yourself during this special sale. And be sure your order is in the mail and postmarked not later than April 4 to get such savings. Look over recent issues of The Sword. Address The SWORD OF THE LORD, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

Now on Radio KCTA, 1030 on the Dial, Corpus Christi, Texas

We rejoice that beginning this month, the Sunday broadcast of "Voice of Revival" may be heard on KCTA at Corpus Christi, Texas. This 50,000-watt station may heard at 1030 on your dial, at 1:00 p. m. every Sunday.

By faith, we have undertaken this added expense and we hope that thousands will listen in to "Voice of Revival" on this sta-tion, new for us, and that many will feel impressed to help pay the heavy radio broadcasting exnse. Will you write and tell us if you hear us on Station KCTA?

Southern Baptist Fellowship a Real Opportunity

The Southern Baptist Fellowship is composed of Baptists, principally in the South but not limited to Southerners, who can sign a strong fundamental, premillennial statement of faith, and agree to have their names published as members. A strong summer Bible conference will be held by the Southern Baptist Fellowship at the Bill Rice Ranch, nine miles west of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, July 24-29, Dr. Lee Roberson and other famous preachers will take

The annual meeting will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after Thanksgiving, November 28-30, at the Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, This editor is the unworthy moderator. Dr. Charles H. Stevens, president of Piedmont Bible College, Winston-Salem, is vice-moderator. Pastor John Waters of Faith Baptist Church, Laurens, South Carolina, is secretary; Pastor Bob Gray of Jacksonville, Florida, is treasurer. Dr. Lee Roberson is chairman of Wheaton, Illinois.

Evangelists

EVANGELIST SCHUNK, 10 Blythewood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, held a revival February 11-21 at the First Baptist Church, Greenfield, Indiana. The pastor, Roland L. Reed, reports 20 souls were saved and over 50 Christians came as rededications. The closing Sunday 9 were baptized and 12 came into fellowship of the church Brother Schunk has been invited back for a meeting in 1962.

DR. J. OSCAR WELLS, Box 417, Bethany, Oklahoma, was in the Elfrida Baptist Church of Elfrida, Arizona, for twelve days recently. During the meeting there were 29 additions to the church, 24 of them by baptism, and many rededications.

EVANGELIST FRANK DUN-CAN, 21 Pine Street, Inman, South Carolina, was in the Baptist Church in Portal, Georgia, 19.25. Rev. W. O. Ethridge, pastor, reports 5 saved and a great time of rededication among the church people.

Evangelist Duncan was in the New Hope Baptist Church of Burlington, North Carolina, February 15-21. Pastor A. C. Starling re-ports 17 professions of faith and many rededications.

EVANGELIST CARLYLE

Sincere repentance is continual. Believers' repent until their dying day.—Spurgeon.

the program committee.

Here is an opportunity for oldtime fundamental, premillennial Baptists, whether in the Southern Baptist Convention or in Conservative Baptist Association, or with the Bible Baptist Fellowship or independent Baptists, to find a real fellowship and inspiration and help. There is no denominational program. This is simply a fellowship and does not require one to leave current associations, though he must take a plain stand about the essentials of Bible doctrine.

Bible-believing Baptists would do well to plan to visit either that summer Bible conference at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, or the great November 28-30 meeting at Chattanooga.

Baptists ought sometimes to get together for spiritual fellowship centering around Christ and the Bible and the Great Commission instéad of simply uniting around the denominational program, Here is a great opportunity for inspiration and fellowship. There is no membership fee at present. Application blank will be sent free to those requesting it, and the statement of faith to which members must agree. You may address your correspondence to: Rev. John Waters, Secretary, Southern Baptist Fellowship, P. O. Box 78, Laurens,

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We are thankful that God helping us to get out the Gospel in every way possible. We are just now paying for a half-million copies more of the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in Japanese. The Free Literature Fund out the gospel message through millions of pieces of lit-erature in some twenty-five lan-

Our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund sends THE SWORD OF THE LORD to many a missionary in a foreign country, on request, and to national pastors who cannot send money, to retired ministers in America who need it,

The "Voice of Revival" broadrast is now aired on some twentysix or twenty-seven stations within hearing of millions. Our radio audience is growing, people are heing saved, lives are being blessed.

Some good Christian who reads this will be led of God, we be-lieve, to give very largely to get-ting out the Gospel through some of these many channels. Will you make it a matter of prayer? For any further information write Editor John R. Rice, Box 420,

SCOTT, 713 Whitlock Avenue, Crawfordsville, Indiana, was re-cently with Pastor Earl Brown and the Grace Baptist Church of Austin, Minnesota. He reports a great moving of the Spirit among the people, with a holy awe, conviction and contrition greater than he has seen in years. There were a number of conversions, though the definite amount was not given.

EVANGELIST JOE DAY, 229 East Irvington Street, South Bend, Indiana, held a revival in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Mount Vernon, Ohio, February 7-21. During the two weeks there were 24 who came for salvation and 5 who came as backsliders and 6 to consecrate their lives to God. A number of children made their decision to Christ in children's meetings conducted by Mr. Day during the revival. Of those saved, two entire families came to Christ during the meeting, reports Paul E. Gear, pastor.

EVANGELIST JOSEPH LARSON, 4203 Alcott Street, Denver 11, Colorado, reports an eightday series of meetings at the First Baptist Church, East Lake, Colorado, February 14-21. Among 22 decisions 7 were for baptism and membership in the church. Two those were adult saved Catholics.

REV. CECIL M. PEACOCK, 1604 Vance Avenue, Chattanooga Tennessee, reports a good revival / held recently with the Calvary Baptist Church at Warner Robins, Georgia, where C. G. Groover is pastor. One family of 4 was saved at the same time. A young marine dedicated his life to the Lord and the gospel ministry. There were other professions and additions to the church.

April 24 Is Sword

By Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

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Justified By Works Or Saved By Grace?

Questions Answered by the Editor

Dear Brother H.

I am happy to have your letter and will try to answer your questions.

1. It is true that we are saved instantly by grace, through faith and I will shew thee my faith by in Christ. So many, many Scriptures teach. John 3:5 does not contradict that because John 3;5 has nothing to do with baptism. The water in John 3:5 evidently represents the Word of God, as it does in Ephesians 5:26. I think it is the same as the "washing of regeneration" in Titus 3:5. And the washing of regeneration is not out-wardly, but inwardly. It is not baptism but cleansing when one, hearing the Word, is turned from sin to trust in Christ.

This is also taught in I Peter 1:23—"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

2. You say, "How do I reconcile the Scriptures on saved by grace with James 2:14-26?" But your mistake is in supposing that God is talking about salvation in the passage in James. James 2:24 says, "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." Note, then, that there are two kinds of justification. One is in the sight of God, and that is by faith. The other is justification in the sight of man, and that is by works.

Galatians 3:11 says, "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for,

After Work

Lord, when Thou seest that my work is done, Let me not linger on, With failing powers, Adown the weary hours— A workless worker in a world of work.

But, with a word, Just bid me home. And I will come Right gladly-Yea, right gladly Will I come.

-John Oxenham.

The just shall live by faith." "No man is justified by the law [that is, by good works of the law] in the sight of God." But in James 2:18 the Scripture says, me thy faith without thy works my works." Obviously here the Scripture means that show to man his faith by his works. Man cannot see the heart where one has already trusted in Christ. But God sees the heart, and so in the sight of God one is not justified by works. Men count one just as they see good works in his life, God counts a man just when he trusts the Lord. when he trusts the Lord. So 'Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness" (Rom. 4:3), and then in the sight of men, Abraham was justified by works when he offered Isaac.

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bulrushes, and then to wait beside the stream until she was called to exchange the place of mother for that of nurse, and bring up the little life that she had committed in faith to the hands of God. Blessed privilege indeed to have the strength of a father's faith and a mother's prayers behind us. Blessed resource for a parent's heart to have the same God still to whom we may confide the lives that are dearer than our own, and the tasks that are too hard for us. Beloved, have you covered the heads of your precious ones with the sheltering

wing of a covenant God?
Once, it is said, Audubon, the great naturalist, while collecting specimens in South America, saw a little bird fluttering in great excitement over its nest. He soon discovered the cause. A huge black snake was slowly climbing up the tree to devour the little birdlings and the mother was vainly struggling to beat him off. Suddenly she shot into the forest and soon afterwards returned with a trailing vine in her beak which she softly spread over the nest, and then went back for more, until she had securely covered the little ones and tucked them in beneath the leaves of this strange plant. Then she sat over on a branch and watched the issue. The snake still crawled steadily up, but when he reached the vine there was something in it that evidently distressed and repelled him. He shrank from it as from a poisonous breath. Again and again he tried to crawl around the tree and approach the nest without touching this thing. But it was all in vain, and at last, disgusted and angry, he dropped

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from the tree and coiled himself up in despair upon the ground, while the little bird chattered out its joy and praise and seemed to thank the heavenly powers for their protection. So God has given to us not only our salvation, but for the protection of our homes and our loved ones, the leaves of the tree of life which we place about their defenseless heads and defy the serpent's sting.

There is a promise in the New Testament which many of us read only half way through: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." But there is another clause: "and thy house."
Why should this be true only of our salvation? You have taken that promise for yourself; take it for your child; take it for your brother; take it for every unsaved member of your household. Claim it and hold fast to it until, a reunited family above, you thank Him that His Word is just as true you as for the little family of old in Egypt's bondage and on the shores of the Nile.

II. Faith for Our Individual Choice

"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer afflic-tion with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for

There comes a time when even the mother's prayers cannot be a substitute for our personal responsibility. Then we must act and choose for ourselves. Moses had the benefit of a mother's teachings as well as a mother's faith, and when the crisis hour came he was true to the convictions that she had instilled into his youthful mind, and he stepped out and assumed for himself the full responsibility of faith,

His religious life began as every life really does, in a true purpose, in a right choice. It is the will that is the helm of life. It is our choice that determines our destiny. Two lives opened before the young Hebrew standing out in clear relief and separated as far from each other as pole from pole. One was a life of honor, luxury, and power; in fact, all that the world at its best could offer, for he was the heir to Egypt's throne, and there was nothing within the scope

a life of danger, affliction, sacrifice, possibly violent death through vengeance of those kindness he refused, and yet withal the blessing of God and the fellowship in suffering, and reward of God's people.

But the prospects and the recompenses were all in the distance. The allurements were at hand, and only the eye of faith could make real the overbalancing value of the things of God and eternity. But Moses had that higher vision which makes the distant and the unseen more real than the present. He had respect unto the recompense of the reward, and without a moment's hesitation he made his choice. He said one eternal No to the world, and one everlasting Yes to God. He gave up a throne and a crown, and he chose his lot among the afflicted people of God, "esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt." This is the very essence of faith. This is the first principle of consecration. This is the root of piety. This is the fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom. This is the crisis of every soul. This was the great temptation in the wildernes when the Master refused the Devil's splendid bribe and chose instead the will of God alone There are two sides to this great decision. There is a choosing; there is a refusing. There is a Yes; there is a No. Beloved, have you spoken the decisive Have you said Yes to God without reserve? Have you said No to the world, and self, and sin?

III. Faith Separating From the World and Making God Its Choice

"By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is

The time came when the will must become the deed, and the choice must be translated into action. That time came when the preparations were complete for the departure of the children of Israel from the house of bondage. It was a step of the most serious danger. Pharaoh had bitterly refused and opposed it, and his reluctant consent had been slowly wrung from him; but Moses knew at the last that consent would be withdrawn and that all the power of Pharaoh's armies would be used to draw them back, but "by faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king," and bravely marched forth until he found himself with Pharaoh's chariots behind him and the rolling flood before. And so, beloved, your de-cision must be proved. God will take you at your word. He will put you to the test and He will help you, like Moses, to persevere seeing him who is invisible."

And yet it is just this that renders many a decision abortive. There are thousands of souls in heathen lands who believe the Gospel and have lost all faith in their old traditions, but they dare step out and confess their faith and risk the sacrifices that are sure to be involved; the grief and anger of their heathen friends, the loss of influence, reputation, times of life itself. And there are thousands in the homeland whose decision for God is rendered comparatively impotent by the compromises they make with the world, and their failure to be out and out for God, to forsake Egypt like Moses, and stand unequivocally on the side of Christ, Unless you dare to confess your Lord and let your former associates know just where you stand, you will be sure to be entangled once more and drawn back perhaps to a life of

It is interesting to notice how Pharaoh tried to keep them back from leaving Egypt. He was willing for anything but this. First, he said they might sacrifice to the Lord, but they must do it in the land. And so the Devil is willing that we should have all the religion we want, but we must not leave the world. Next, when beaten from this position he said they might go out of the country, but they must not go very far away. And so the enemy tries to com-promise again and lead us to give up the evil things of the world hold the harmless idols. Baffled in this, he made a third compromise. He was willing that they

of human ambition which he might should go, but they must leave not have claimed. The other was their children. And so the Devil's next move, if he cannot get us to the theater and dance, is to take our children, and we begin to lower the standard of Christian life for the young and consent to a license that we would not claim for ourselves. Finally, Pharaoh fought his last compromise battle on the ground that they and their children might go, but they must leave their property. If the Devil cannot have us, he wants our business, our investments, our money. We can have the Sunday, but he must have the six days of the week, the bank book and the safe, the stock exchange and the spirit of mammon. And so millions today have made the compromise, and the result is that every year in this so-called Christian country two thousand million dollars are spent for whisky and tobacco and about ten million for the spread of the Gospel; two hundred dollars given to the Devil for every dollar given to the Lord. What the church of Christ needs today is what Dr. Chalmers used to call an "oo and oo" religion, that is the broad Scotch for "out and out."

IV. Faith Appropriating the **Blood of Christ**

"Through faith he kept the assover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

All our choices, separations, and sacrifices are vain until we come to Calvary and reach the sprinkled blood. "What would Jesus do?" is not the question until first we have understood what Jesus has done, and accepted it for our salvation. It is this alone that gives us acceptance with God. It is this alone that takes away the paralyzing blight of guilt and sin. It s this that puts us to death in His dying and brings us the new life of His resurrection. It is this that not only atones for the past but, by feeding on the flesh of the Lamb of God, gives us divine strength for the future. Never let us get away from the blood. Never let us cease to feel the heartthrob which those precious words should bring to every ransomed soul,

Dear duing Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its power."

A silly minister sitting beside a dying saint forgot himself enough to say to her that it must be a great comfort to her in her dying hour to be able to reflect on a well-spent life. "Yes," she said, "it is." And then with a little twinkle even in her dying eye she looked hard at him and said:

"But, my dear pastor, the wellspent life on which I am reflecting is not mine, but that of Jesus Christ, my Saviour, and I am occupied in putting my good works in one bundle and my bad works in another, and turning from both to Christ."

V. Faith Stepping Out and Going Forward on the Word of God

"By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were This is a fine description of the

act of faith; stepping out on the

Word of God and acting as if it were true. Their way apparently was utterly closed. Behind them was the pursuing foe, before the pathless flood. There was no way of escape, and yet the word came:
"Go forward." Whither? There "Go forward." Whither? There was no other way but into the darkness and into the depths of the sea, and it was not until they had stepped forth into the very margin of the flood that the waters rolled apart and opened a pathway for their trusting and obedient feet. So faith must not only accept, but also act. It must take its stand upon the Word of God. It must venture on it. It must count it true and simply step out as if it were an accomplished fact.

"Thank you, Captain," said a grateful general to the private soldier who had saved his life by a sudden act of heroism. He was not a captain, but his general's word was enough for him, and looking up quietly answered, "Thank you, General. Of what company?" He simply went forward and acted according to his master's word, and he found it good. So not only at the entrance, but all along the way of faith we must act upon the Word of God. put our weight upon it, risk our life upon it, face impossibilities upon it and then find the sea divided, the stone rolled away, the mountain become a plain, and the darkness and shadow of death turned into the morning.

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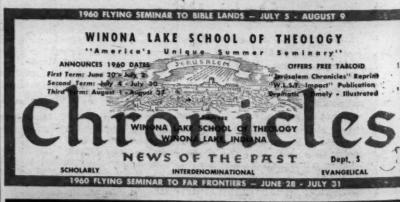
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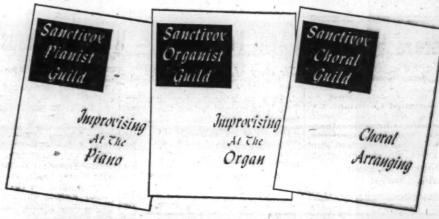
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We shall look into God's Word and see what it has to say concerning this matter. In II Thessalonians 3:6 God says we are to withdraw from one who is a disorderly brother. "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ve withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."

"The tradition which we have received" refers to the ministry and preaching of Paul the apostle. Paul says that if there are those who walk contrary to that which I have taught you, you are to withdraw from them. You are not to co-operate with them! You are not to become a part of their pro-

Again in II Thessalonians 3:14 we read: "And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed." Take note of that man who does not obey the Word of God and have no company with This is the stand that God him. would have us take concerning those who have erroneous views and practices concerning the gospel message of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is no qualification! There is no compromise on the standards of doctrine! Either we are saved through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and simple faith in Him by the grace of God, or we are saved by membership and functions of some organization. Either the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the only mediator between God and man, the only one to receive the confession of our sin, or man is. Either Christ is our mediator to God, or His earthly mother is. Either Christ is the only way of salvation, or simple modes of ethics and codes of living become messages of salva-They are separate, distinct principles diametrically opposed to each other. If any man obey not this epistle that I have written, the Word of God, "note that man and have no company with him,' Paul was inspired to say. Do not become a participant in his pro-

Then we read in II John 10, 11 that the man who does not bring the gospel message, who does not bring the Word of God on the person and work of Christ, the

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doctrine of Christ, is not to be wished well. "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

Do not wish him well or Godspeed on his journey. God says in His Word that if we do, we become partners in his evil deeds. How much more then would I become a partaker of the evil deeds of liberalism, modernism and Roman Catholicism if I would appear on the platform, according to the program, and ask God's blessing on the program in which representatives of these systems are included. God's Word says that I would be a partaker of their evil deeds and of their evil philosophy and their erroneous theology.

We also read in I Timothy 6:3-"If any man teach otherwise, consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness: He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself."

Here God gives us His mind toward those who hold views contrary to the words of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here God tells us to withdraw ourselves from those who do not consent to the words of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no question that those who have modernistic or Roman Catholic theology are not consenting to the words of Christ or of Word of God, as the final authority. To withdraw means to pull away or remove one's self from any connection with those of this kind. It is for this reason that I believe even my presence on the platform of a religious service (should I say nothing) with those who are not believers, and thus lending support to their teaching, would be contrary to the Word of God. This type of co-operation certainly would not be withdrawing. That is, to appear on the same platform, appear in the same program, a religious program (as, baccalaureate is) with those who are of contrary doctrine.

Mark False Teachers: Contend for the Faith

We are told in Romans 16:17, 18 that we are to mark and avoid those who are not preaching essentials of the Word, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." MARK THEM! CLASSIFY THEM!

Some say that we are not to judge, but God says to mark them. Take concern, look and observe, considering their doctrine, and mark them concerning it. If it is contrary to the doctrine we are taught in the Word of God we are to avoid them. We have the Godgiven principle concerning the relationship of those who are not teachers of truth and the believer

God has something to say about false teachers in Jude 3 and 4. "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares. who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."

EARNESTLY CONTEND! Contend carries with it a note of strenuous activity. To put forth God-given effort. To be alive. To be fervent, effectual in the ministry of the Word of God. To earnestly contend for the faith, not compromise the faith, not to co-operate with those without faith. We have a faith delivered by God to the saints, simple faith based on the Bible.

We as Baptists hold as our creed, as our confession of faith, as our doctrinal statement, the New Testament! Great is our re-

tend earnestly for the faith which has been delivered unto us!

Notice also what it says concerning these false teachers that deny the Lord Jesus Christ. One can say what he pleases about the Lord Jesus Christ, but if he doesn't give heed to the one simple standard, that there is salvation in no other name under Heaven, he has denied Him. It is not enough to believe in the deity of Christ, one must believe in His Saviourship. To deny John 3:16, the very center of the gospel message, is to turn the grace of God lasciviousness and to deny the Lord Jesus Christ!

God describes these false teachers in Jude 12, 13, " . spots in your feasts of charity,

clouds they are without water, . . . trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, . . . Raging waves of the sea, . . . wandering stars,

God also says that one who denies the principles of the New Testament, the principles of God's Word, to him ". . . is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever." Hell for the ungodly teachers who teach not the truth of the Word of God.

"Be Not Unequally Yoked With Unbelievers"

There is no question that the clearest portion of Scripture on separation is II Corinthians 6:14-18. where we read:

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

What communion, what unity what co-operation can there be for the servant who preaches the gospel message of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the one who neither believes or preaches it? communion has the servant of the Lord who is sent forth as a light into the world, and the one, as the Bible tells us, who has a place

sponsibility to hold fast and con-| reserved for him in everlasting darkness forever?

What communion? What fellowship? What concord? What is the common denominator? What do the servant of Christ and the servant of the Devil have in common? United baccalaureate services? United evangelistic services? The Bible says NO!

What agreement hath the temple of God with idols? Romanism is an idol-worshiping religion. What agreement has the believing preacher, filled with the Holy Spirit, with the unbelieving promoter of idol worship? And yet to appear on the platform, and sit in a united program, men are taught to believe there is something in common, that there is a place where the two can meet on a common ground.

Here we have the beginning of what the world is crying for today: the unification of all religion! Modernism, Liberalism, Roman Catholicism and Fundamentalism uniting in a co-operative service. Co-operation and compromise are the two legs on which the giant of ecumenicalism stands. Co-opera-tion is the "byword" of the American Baptist Convention.

One of our Conservative Baptist leaders was told some years ago by a man of some import in the American Baptist Convention (then the Northern Baptist Convention), "I don't give a what you preach as long as you co-operate." CO-OPERATION! What fellowship have a believer and a non-believer? There is none. They are as far apart as the poles. God has not ordained that they should ever come together under any banner or flag of truce

and unity. . . for ye are the temple of the living God." God says, ". . . they shall be my people. Wherefore come out . . ." This certainly fore come out . . ." This certainly does not sound like co-operation with the unsaved. ". . . come out from among them and be ye sepa-

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Should I Co-operate . . . ?

I Chronicles 29

King David's People Gladly Give for the House of God

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not the unclean thing Do not partake of it or make it a part of yourselves. Touch it not, avoid keep from it, and I will receive you.

Then comes the perfect bond of fellowship and power, "And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Excuses Given for Co-operating With Unbelievers

There are, of course, many reasons and excuses given why we men.

Clues Across

1 "they ____ whom precious stones were found gave them" 4 "give unto Solomon my son a

11 "Hast thou not heard long ago,
I have done it?" Isa. 37

17 little city which defeated Israel (Josh. 7;5)

20 belonging to father of Moses (Exod. 6:20)

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"I have done it?" Isa. 37
"I have of mine own proper

good, of gold and _____"
belonging to the father of Ahira
(Num. 1:15)
initials of the first man and

a town built by Shamed (I Chron. 8:12)

"I know also, my God, that

"And ____ sacrificed sacrifices unto the Lord" son of Shuah (Gen. 38:3)

"riches certainly make them

selves wings; they ____ away as an eagle" Prov. 23 "the rulers of the king's work,

"what is my people, that we

should be _____ to offer so willingly?"
"Go ____ the land, even Jericho" Josh. 2
a gas used in making lighted

display signs
"And the Lord magnified Solo

"Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered ____"
"for all manner of work ____"

"all that ____ in the heaven and in the earth is thine"

"____ boweth down, Nebo stoopeth" Isa. 46

"all this store . . . cometh of thine ____, and is all thine

47 "David said to all the congregation, Now bless ____ your God"

in the sight of all

sinful nation, a people

__ willingly, And gave for service of the house of

rate, saith the Lord, and touch should co-operate in this kind of endeavor, The one most used is the one, What will the public think if we refuse to co-operate? We are reminded of the 29th verse of Acts 5 where the high "mucky mucks" in religion of the early days of the church brought the disciples into court for preaching the Gospel. They said to them, We have beaten you and told you that we don't want to hear any more of this preaching of Jesus. The disciples answered them, "We ought to obey God rather than

Searching the Scriptures

Clues Down

1 "now have I seen with joy thy people, ____ are present here"
2 "Now ____ acts of David the

king, first and last"

"Both riches and _____ come
of thee, and thou reignest over
all" (modern spelling)

5 the spelling of the 19th letter
of the alphabet
6 initials of mother and father of
Jacob (Gen. 25:20, 26)

see 31 down
"Cursed is _____ one that continueth not in all things which are written" Gal. 3 initials of two brooks in Scripture (John 18:1; Num. 13:23)
"neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they them under" Matt. 7 one who wants

"we have ____ might against this great company that cometh

"our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there ____ none abiding"

the son of Abdiel (I Chron. 5:

people, and ____ their skin from off them" Mic. 3

mother sheep (Ps. 78:71)
to condescend to give (___g_)
and 7 down "Who maketh his
_____spirits, and his ministers

a ____ of fire" Heb. 1 "did eat and drink before the

Lord ____ that day with great gladness"

35 "_____, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer"
37 the son of Nagge (Luke 3:25)
38 man whose children returned from captivity (Ezra 2:16)
40 Scotch dialect for "give".
42 "_____ that my words were now written!" Job 19
44 initials of husband of Ruth, and her son (Ruth 4:13: 21)

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Our responsibility is to God think has probably done as much first. It is far better to fall into damage to the church over the disfavor with the public than with God. Paul said that he was debtor to the world to give unto them the gospel message. So are we to the people of this community. We owe them nothing else.

Galatians 1:16 says, "To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh blood." When God revealed His will to the Apostle Paul, he did not counsel or seek men's opinion, but got alone with God on the matter. So we ought to seek God's face in this matter and forget about public opinion.

Fear of what the public will

damage to the church over the years of time as any other one force. Romans 12:2 says, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Some one has translated it: schemed together with this world" Fit not well into the pattern of living. God has ordained that a Christian should not fit too perfectly into his surroundings in this world. He should appear on many issues as a square peg in a round hole. Men are fearful that they will cause a disturbance on the peaceful sea of conformity. It is the cry of this community on the matter of Roman Catholicism. They say Chiniquy caused a disturbance when he left the Roman Church and families were divided against each other. Now we have peace again between Romanism and Protestantism, so don't stir it up again.

Also we hear the statements, This is distasteful; this won't be nice; I may have to face somebody and give a reason for this, and this isn't going to be pleasant at all." We have forgotten what the Lord said in His High Priestly prayer in John 17:14, "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." Where is the that the world hates the Christian? The Christian fits snuggly and beautifully into the pattern of life, in the community, in the public school system, in the political system, and all of the other systems. He fits so perfectly that they cannot be distin-

But Jesus says, "I have given them thy word, and the world will hate them." Why? Because it hated me!

guished from their surroundings.

We Should Not Fear Persecution for Christ

Notice also what Jesus says concerning suffering persecution for Him in Matthew 5:10-12: "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you. and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." What if they don't like it? What if they nasty things? If we remain say true to the Word of God we shall be rewarded for it. The more nasty things they say and do, the greater our reward! They do not realize it but they are increasing our eternal reward as they mistreat us!

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Nothing Lost

During the summer a clergyman called on a lady who had a very fine collection of roses. She took him out to see them-white roses, red roses, yellow roses, climbing roses, and roses in pots, the gay giant of battles and the modest moss rose-every species he had ever heard of, and a great many he had never heard of, were there in rich profusion. The lady began plucking, right and left. Some bushes with but a single flower she despoiled. The clergyman re-monstrated: "You are robbing yourself, dear madam." "Ah, she said, "do you not know that the way to make the rosebush is to pluck its flowers freely? I lose nothing by what I give away." This is a universal law. We never lose anything by what we give away.—From "Anecdotes." Clerical Library

John 15:20 says, "Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep your's also.

First Peter 4:12, 13 says, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are the partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceed-ing joy." It isn't a strange thing but rather the expected thing for God's people to get into trouble with the world over the stand they have to take for the Word of God. I fear that Christians today have come to some kind of peaceful co-existence with the world!

The Bible also says that we are to rejoice inasmuch as we are partakers of Christ's suffering. take a stand on any scriptural issue, and suffer for it, gives us the opportunity to suffer for Him and be a partaker of Christ's sufferings. Why are we so afraid to suffer for Him who loved us and gave Himself for us!

"For the spirit and glory of God resteth upon you; on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified." One of God's means of being glorified on this earth is for His children to have to suffer for His sake.

We Dare Not Follow Others in Disobedience

Probably this argument for dong or not doing something is the oldest one: "But it's always been done." Martin Luther would have stayed in the Catholic Church if he had done what always had been done. The Negroes would still be slaves in the land of the free if Lincoln had been content to leave things as they had been. The gospel message would have died in the first century if the disciples had been content to say of the old Jewish practices and religion, "This is the way it has always been done."

In Matthew 15:6 our Lord says, . . Thus have ye made the commandments of God of none effect by your tradition." The law said to honor your father and mother. But the scribes and Pharisees had worked out a system whereby one could dishonor his fathermother and escape the demands of the law. They had nullified the commandments of God by traditions. The fact of past practice does in no sense guarantee present or future acceptability of any

policy or idea.

The Word of God teaches that the foundation for living a life of faith pleasing to the Lord is complete, unqualified, separation from the world and its practices and especially in matters of a spiritual nature.

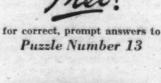
John 17:15, 16 says, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

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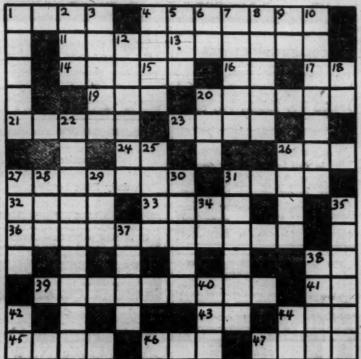
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Israel and Judah, He vividly used these or similar words in nearly every account, "And he slept with his fathers, and his son reigned in his stead." Americans say to-day, "Two things are sure—death and taxes." The Arabs have proverb, "Death is a black camel that, soon or late, will come to kneel at every gate." The Word of God preaches powerfully that this is true, "... it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). Death is inevitable! You cannot, you will not escape it.

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Yes, you may brush your teeth twice a day with a nationally known toothpaste; you may see your doctor twice a year; you may wear rubbers when it rains; you get eight hours of sleep every night; you may never smoke, drink or lose your temper. You may be set to live to be one hundred, but "there is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death . . ." (Eccles. 8:8). God's Word warns that you have an inevitable ap-pointment with death, so you had better get ready.

II. Death Is Unpredictable

You shall die! You had better get ready, for death is unpredictable in its time!

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" were the wise words of the king in Proverbs 27:1. Who does know?

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show it in an instant on the other coast. We know now how to trans-plant the eyes of the dead into sightless sockets of the living and cause sight. But we know no more than Job did centuries ago when he cried out, "Man . . . his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass" (Job 14:5). Like Job, do not know the number of months, days, or hours until God will summon us into death and eternity. But Job knew that you had better get ready, "Because there is wrath, beware lest he take thee away with his stroke."

There is just the stroke of the clock between you and death. But no man knows that hour. Surely Raymond Eastman didn't, About five years ago this young Des Moines advertising man wrote a widely quoted article, "Ten Seconds to Live." It was an imaginary study of the thoughts of a motorist about to be killed in an accident. Ironically, Eastman died in an auto as it careened into a bridge, after "clipping" another car in an attempt to pass it No one can know what Mr. East-man thought of his last ten seconds of this life. But we can be sure he did not know when he stepped into his automoble that day that he was stepping into a hearse that would ride him into death and eternity.

We would assume that Eastman, after writing such an article for motorists, would be prepared for violent and lurking death on the highways. But what about you? Whether on the highway, in the office, at school, on your bedwho knows you have ten conscious seconds left to get ready to die and meet God?

Not only is there just a stroke between life and death, there is just a step between life and death. David, the anointed king, but a fugitive from the relentless, tireless, murdering King Saul, knew this and reminded his good friend Jonathan, "But truly as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, in some blood-spattered highway, or liveth, in some hospital ward, or that in You can't ever go to Heaven if there is but a step between me rejection of Christ which well may you die in your sins. and death" (I Sam. 20:3). David be your very last, final and fatal Again God's Word knew that everywhere death was lurking. On the starless night, in out with another death-doomed the darkened caverns, in the still- and Hell-bound soul, "I have a step away. Any step might bring him into the view of a keen-eyed archer; into the range of a skilled swordsman, or into the enemy camp or trap, a snare of no escape.

Death is just a step away from you, too. It may not be the same step David feared, and it may not be the step of a Flint, Michigan, factory worker who was recently driven by his wife to work. He alighted from the car, reached through the open car window to give his wife a good-by kiss, and stepped back one step into the path of a careening car and death. But, you are just a step away from death and etern-

You could step toward life and Heaven by saying "yes" to Christ's call, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with

By saying "yes" to Christ's plea. and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37), you can have forgiveness of sins, pardon, Heaven, eternal

But if you continue in your steps into the haunts of sin; away the calling Saviour's your steps will take you to death and Hell, "For the lips of a strange woman [a type or picture of sin] drop as an honeycomb, and Press Club, and others. her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell" (Prov. 5:3-5). You had better get ready, don't you see?

III. Death Is Terrible

You shall die! You had better get ready because death is terrible in its visitation.
"Thou fool!" These were the

midnight, silence-breaking words of the Lord to a man who was visited by death. This man had bursting harns and overflowing harvest. He had mused to himself, 'And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry."

Bible language. Fools recorded in the Bible were not ignoramuses, nor people with "upstairs apart-ments to rent," but fools mentioned in the Bible were individuals who did not exercise their God-given sense in the light of eternal issues.

God charges the "so-called atheist" with being a fool. "The fool hath said in his heart, There the "so-called is no God" (Ps. 14:1).

In Proverbs 14:9, God declares you who mock (or laugh) at sin are fools. Again in Luke 24:25, we see the folly of fools; individuals who are "slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken." We call the "Scripture slashers" and the "penknife" preachers, teachers, and leaders who cannot believe God's Word and cut out everything that is "logical" and "reasonable" their eyes, modernists. God calls

them fools. This man in Luke 12:16-21 was a fool. He had made plans to retire, rest and relax. He had worked hard. He had endured burning sun and drenching rains. He had made his fortune. He, no doubt, had insured his barns, his stock, his home, his life and his family. But he had not insured his soul. He had gotten ready to live, but he had not made preparations to die. Now it was time to rest, he told his soul. But God said, "No, it is time to die."

That night the angel of death knocked at his door. That night skirts of Death swished through the room. That night the icy fingers of Death cast a soul into eternity. The next morning the family found their loved one

I trust this will not be your biography, too. I have seen so many friends in my ministry visited by death this way. I pray you will give earnest heed to the things you have heard, and not let them slip. Oh, I pray that at some midnight hour, or that on Jesus warned it is either Heaven some blood-spattered highway, or with Him, or Hell without Him. rejection, you will not have to cry

IV. Death to the Unsaved Means Final Separation

him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20). ones from each other forever. In says, many exclusive groups, including Hell forever. the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames, Dames of Magna Charta, the Society of Mayflower De-Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Woman's National

> him about the place, until, to his horror, he came upon a hidden niche with a casket in which reposed the remains of her dead For thirty-three years mother. this social figure had evaded a law which requires burial of dead bodies, and had spent long hours gazing at the mummified remains of her mother through a small March 13, 1912. This socialite clubwoman, authoress and authority on genealogy, was afraid of death's separation.

How different is the story of Dr. F. B. Meyer, who just before his death wrote these But God said to him, "Thou his wife, "Dear, I have just fool, this night thy soul shall be learned, to my surprise, that I required of thee." Fools! This is have only a few days to live. It may be that before this reaches you I will have entered into the Palace. 'Don't trouble to write. We shall meet in the morning."

At his funeral in Christ Church Cathedral Scriptures were read which spoke of the Christian's hope of immortality and Easter songs were sung. As the organ began to play the hymn at the conclusion of the service, to the surprise of the bowed-head congregation. instead of the funeral march, the organist swung into triumphant notes Hallelujah Chorus. What could have been more fitting? A Christian with hope in Christ had gone home to His Saviour.

Death's separation to the Christian is only for a little season, for God's Word promises us, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (I Thess. 4:16, 17). What a day that will be!

Oh, you had better get ready that you may have the same hope Dr. F. B. Meyer had, because without Christ you face the mournful, baneful and eternal loss of loved ones even as this Washington, D. C., celebrity. Not only does death separate sinners from loved ones forever, but it separates sinners from God, in Hell, forever,

Sinners who die in their sins must go to Hell. Jesus said so in John 8:21, 24, "Then said Jesus unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

Again God's Word declares in Psalm 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell . . again, God warns you through the ness of the forest, death was just played the fool, and have erred a step away. Any step might bring exceedingly" (I Sam. 26:21). he say unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels . . . And these You shall die! You had better shall go away into everlasting get ready because death to an punishment: but the righteous inunsaved soul is final in its separa- to life eternal." In Revelation 20: Death separates unsayed loved "Pay Day" to sinners when He

"Death and hell were cast 1945, a distinguished woman died into the lake of fire. This is the in Washington, D. C. She had been second death. And whosoever was an authority on, genealogy and had not found written in the book of written books to trace the lineage life was cast into the lake of of well-known persons through fire." Yes, when you die in your the centuries. She belonged to sins, it is Hell for you, and it is

There is not a more detailed and graphic picture of a sinner's death and doom in Hell than the message Jesus preached in Luke 16: 19-31. A dead man in Hell-oh, what a scene! Here is a man When the undertaker arrived who cries, "I am tormented in at her home, twenty cats trailed this flame" (vs. 24). Here is a man who realizes he has an unforgetable memory of spurned invitations of a pleading Saviour (vs. 25); here is a man who sees his wicked life's influence is bringing brothers, loved ones to this land of torments. Here is a man who hopes no more, for as Proverbs 11:7 warns you, "When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall window in the hermetically sealed mahogany coffin, which had on the nameplate a death date, who found death to a sinner meant everlasting doom, ing death, everlasting Hell.

Well did Charles Spurgeon preach of Hell when he cried out: "On every chain is written:

forever.' Up above their heads they read, 'forever.' Their eyes are galled, their hearts are pained with the thought that it is 'forever.' Oh, if I could tell you tonight that Hell one day would be burned and that those there might be saved, there would be a jubilee in Hell at the thought of it! But it cannot be: it is 'forever.' They are cast into outer darkness. Hell is the graveyard where all hope is buried never to be resurrected.' '

V. Hell Cannot Be Avoided Without Preparation

You shall die! You had better get ready because death in Hell is avoidable only with the right preparation.

Our text warns us to get ready, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die and not live." Get ready! This was the theme of a soldier's last letter. Dated June 21, 1953, Company Commander John R. Wasson wrote this letter to his men of Company "I" 65th Infantry Regiment:

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brutally. "God has shown me the solution to these two puzzles in the promises of the Bible. I must share them with you, for they must be personally un-derstood and claimed to be

"First, God promises that we may have everlasting life by believing that Jesus is the Son of God and receiving Him as our Saviour from sin (John 3:16; 1:12).

"Second, God assures us that Christ Jesus has won the victory over death and the grave once and for all (I Cor. 15:54-57; Rom. 8:38, 39). Now God does not lie. His Word is true. I simply want to challenge you to seek to know Christ, for with Him there is eternal life and joy, but without Him there is uncer-

tainty and sorrow "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.'

you know Him already, I challenge you to live for Him daily."

I quote you this last letter of the Company Commander to his men on the eve of a great battle. It warned them to get ready. It instructed them how to get ready to die. How many laughed it off; how many shrugged it off; how many believed it and prepared only eternity will reveal. God has a last message for you, too. Not that God will die and never speak again, but, because this may well be your last opportunity to hear His message. God pleads with you, "Say unto them, As I live saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die . . . ?" God so loved you that He sent His Son, allowed Him to be maligned, hated without a cause, jeered, mocked, tried and sentenced unjustly and crucified that you might turn from your sins, confess them to Him and be saved and have everlasting life. Yes, I plead with you in God's stead, get ready, get prepared to meet God, get saved.

God the Father does not want you to die in your sins and go to Hell. Neither does Jesus. No one can possibly know the suffering, the shame, the sum total of all the world's sins He bore on that awful rugged tree. He bore them for you. He bore yours. He calls you now to get ready, get saved, get right with God, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath ever-lasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

The Holy Spirit loves you, too He does not want you to perish in sin and go to Hell. Even now He convicts you of the truth of this message; now He pleads with you to get saved; now He warns you . . . behold, now is the acthat cepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2) Now He woos you with the last call of God in the Bible; God's last call in the very last chapter of the Bible to dying, Hell-bound sinners, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And who-soever will, let him take of the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17).

Are you ready? How do you chose or Hell? Life or death? - Heaven

In the light of inevitable death unpredictable death, terrible death, final death, but avoidable death, surely you will choose Christ who stands at your heart's door and knocks saying, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20):

In the silent midnight watches, List, thy bosom door! How it knocketh- knocketh- knocketh-Knocketh evermore! Say not 'tis thy pulse is beating; 'Tis thy heart of sin;

Tis thy Saviour knocks and crieth, 'Rise and let me in."

Death comes on with reckless footsteps, To the hall and to the hut, Think you, Death will tarry knocking Where the door is shut?

Jesus waiteth- waiteth- waiteth-But the door is going fast; Grieved, away the Saviour goeth, Death breaks in at last,

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